

# Do You Want *Clean Water* in Your Community?

*Making simple choices prevents water pollution*

## Everyday activities can lead to water pollution.

When water from irrigation and rain washes over yards and streets, it collects fertilizers, pesticides, soap, oil, pet waste, and other pollutants. The runoff flows into storm drains untreated and ends up polluting the nearest stream, lake, or wetland.



Water used inside—kitchens, bathrooms, laundry areas—drains to the sanitary sewer where it is treated before being released into Puget Sound.

For clean water in your community, make these simple choices:

- Take your car to a commercial car wash.
- Have car oil leaks fixed and recycle used motor oil.
- Scoop the poop, bag it, and put it in the garbage.
- Practice Natural Yard Care, and avoid using pesticides and chemical fertilizers.

Remember, it's *illegal* to pollute waterways in Washington State.

Thank you for keeping our shared waters healthy for people, fish, and wildlife.



Water outside drains to the nearest storm drain **untreated** and then flows to a stream, lake, or wetland.